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## 2018 POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

**Charleston, West Virginia** – The **combined value of production and value of sales** from broilers, turkeys, eggs, and the value of sales from chickens in 2018, was \$281.8 million, down 8 percent from the combined value of \$305.6 million in 2017. Of the combined total, 63 percent was from broilers, 17 percent from turkeys, 19 percent from eggs, and less than 1 percent from sales of chickens.

There were 83.3 million **broilers produced** in West Virginia during 2018, down 3 percent from the number of 86.1 million broilers produced in 2017. Total live weight was 316.5 million pounds, down from 335.8 million pounds in 2017. Value of production totaled \$176.9 million, down 3 percent from the 2017 value of \$182.7 million. The average live weight equivalent price of 55.9 cents per pound is up from the 2017 average live weight equivalent price of 54.4 cents per pound. Equivalent price is for the commercial producer, not contractees.

**Turkeys raised** in West Virginia totaled 3.1 million, down 16 percent from the 2017 total of 3.7 million. Total live weight was 96.4 million pounds, down 13 percent from 2017. Value of production totaled \$49.2 million, down 31 percent from the 2017 value of production of \$71.7 million. The average live weight equivalent price was 51.0 cents per pound, down 13.6 cents per pound from the 2017 price of 64.6 cents.

The **number of chickens sold** for slaughter (excluding broilers) totaled 1.74 million head, up 3 percent from the 2017 total of 1.69 million head sold. The number of pounds sold was 13.7 million pounds, up 4 percent from the 2017 number of 13.2 million pounds sold. Value of sales totaled \$1.03 million, up from \$973.4 thousand in 2017. Prices averaged 7.5 cents per pound, up from the 2017 price of 7.4 cents per pound.

**Egg production** in West Virginia totaled 295.9 million eggs during 2018, up 8 percent from the 2017 production of 274.7 million eggs. The average price per dozen was 221.8 cents, up from the 2017 average price per dozen of 219.5 cents. The total value of production was \$54.7 million, up 9 percent from the 2017 total of \$50.2 million. Most eggs produced in West Virginia are hatching eggs for broilers, not for table egg consumption.

**United States** – The **combined value of production** from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2018 was \$46.3 billion, up 8 percent from \$42.7 billion in 2017. Of the combined total, 69 percent was from broilers, 23 percent from eggs, 8 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

**The value of broilers produced** during 2018 was \$31.7 billion, up 5 percent from 2017. The total number of broilers produced in 2018 was 9.04 billion, up 1 percent from 2017. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2018 was 56.8 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2017.

**The value of turkeys produced** during 2018 was \$3.88 billion, down 20 percent from the \$4.87 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2018 was 245 million, down slightly from 2017. Turkey production in 2018 totaled 7.60 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the 7.54 billion pounds produced in 2017.

**The value of sales from chickens** (excluding broilers) in 2018 was \$49.4 million, up 5 percent from \$47.0 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2018 totaled 190 million, down slightly from the total sold during the previous year.

**Value of all egg production** in 2018 was \$10.6 billion, up 39 percent from \$7.60 billion in 2017. Egg production totaled 109 billion eggs, up 2 percent from 107 billion eggs produced in 2017.